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## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

Members of the Eastern community share their thoughts on National Volunteer Month.

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## DOUBLEHEADER SPLIT

The Eastern softball team split a conference doubleheader with Tennessee-Martin at home Monday.

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## Quick News

### Charleston Library to be fine free

Staff Report | @DEN\_news

The Charleston Carnegie Public Library announced they are fine free as of Monday.

Fine free means library patrons will not accrue fines for materials returned past their due date.

According to a press release from the library, "Across public libraries, late fines were originally implemented as an incentive for patrons to return their library materials in a timely fashion, however, they have become a barrier to service for low-income individuals, families, and households and add to the social inequity found within communities."

The press release also states the fines are not effective.

"Fines neither teach responsibility nor motivate patrons to return items on time," according to the press release. "Instead, fines make patrons less likely to return to the library, and they keep community members from using their library out of fear of a fine they cannot afford."

The library also said they want every member of the community to be able to utilize the library.

"We believe that every single member of our community deserves equal access to what we provide and removing fines takes us one step closer to ensuring equal access," according to the press release.

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## Doudna to feature upcoming events

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The Doudna Fine Arts Center has multiple events being hosted throughout the week.

The EIU Dancers will have a performance uploaded to the Doudna YouTube page on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The performance is called "US" and represents the dance team's "struggles as people, college students, and artists trying to create during this pandemic."

On Sunday at 7 p.m. The Department of Music's Voice Studio will present their Spring Concert.

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## Vigil for AAPI solidarity held Monday

By Corryn Brock  
News Editor | @corryn\_brock

The Student Government led a candlelight vigil to stand against racism and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Monday night.

During the vigil, those who attended paid tribute to victims of hate and violence towards AAPI individuals, reflected on racism and challenges face by those in the AAPI community.

University President David Glassman was the first speaker for the vigil and said he was "extremely proud of all of the students who worked to coordinate this event and all of the participants that are joining (Monday) in solidarity."

Glassman said that while the process of combatting racism has been long, the university has no plans to stop.

"For so long we continued to talk about racism and hatred against marginalized individuals, yet over and over again it continues to happen. It's extremely sad. The progress that we're making is slow and frustrating yet our commitment stays strong, we are not going to stop our fight for hope, our fight for inclusion, respect and this program tonight demonstrates that commitment, Glassman said. "At EIU we have stood up and continue to stand up continuously in the strongest of terms and words and actions that oppose and type of hatred because of one's culture, heritage, race, nationality or any other trait used to marginalize individuals."

He said he found it said that that message does not resonate with everyone.

"Let's continue to stand against prejudice and let's all of us become activists in each of our own ways to call out racism when we see it and to call out hatred when we view it," Glassman said.

He spoke directly on the rise in hate towards AAPI individuals since the start of the pandemic, something he has referenced in an email where he said "It's clear that despite the progress we have



SCREENSHOT BY CORRYN BROCK

Jinhee Lee, an associate history professor at Eastern, speaks during a vigil against hate toward Asian American and Pacific Islanders that was hosted by Student Government Monday.

made as individuals and as a country, the struggle for racial and social equality in America continues. We must leverage current events as decisive, teachable moments for everyone in our EIU community, and remind ourselves daily of the categorical responsibilities we share in advancing the common good."

During the vigil, Glassman said the AAPI community and the COVID-19 pandemic have nothing in common.

"It has been used as an excuse by numbers of

individuals to be able to leverage their hatred and crimes of hatred against these populations that deserve none of that," Glassman said. "I call on all of us to rise against this..."

Jinhee Lee, associate professor of history, spoke on her knowledge of racism, discrimination and hate speech during the meeting. She called the history of racism towards the AAPI community a long one.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Esperanza Murillo (left), Beatrix Brantley (center) and Lily Porter (right) pose with their edible books. They finished first, second and third respectively for the Edible Book Festival held by Booth Library.

## Edible Book Festival winners announced

Staff Report | @DEN\_news

The winners of Booth Library's 11th annual Edible Book Festival, a festival celebrating National Library Week, have been announced.

The festival was held virtually for the second year in a row due to COVID-19 restrictions.

This year, as well as in the past, participants are encouraged to create edible works of art based on a book of their choice. They then

submit photos of their work to be judged by members of the public.

The public chose "The Rainbow Fish," by Esperanza Murillo; based on the book, "The Rainbow Fish," by Marcus Pfister as the first-place winner, "The Hobbit," by Beatrix Brantley; based on the book "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien as the second-place finisher and "The Monster Book of Monsters," by Lily Porter; based on the book, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," by J.K. Rowling as third place.

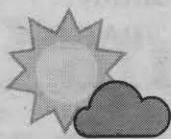
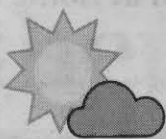
Photos of all of the creations for Booth Library's 11th annual Edible Book Festival can be viewed at [https://thekeep.eiu.edu/edible\\_book\\_festivals/](https://thekeep.eiu.edu/edible_book_festivals/), in Eastern's institutional repository, The Keep.

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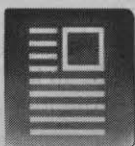
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## Police: Minnesota officer meant to draw Taser, not handgun

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. (AP) — The police officer who fatally shot a Black man during a traffic stop in a Minneapolis suburb apparently intended to fire a Taser, not a handgun, as the man struggled with police, the city's police chief said Monday.

Brooklyn Center Police Chief Tim Gannon described the shooting death Sunday of 20-year-old Daunte Wright as "an accidental discharge." It happened as police were trying to arrest Wright on an outstanding warrant. The shooting sparked violent protests in a metropolitan area already on edge because of the trial of the first of four police officers

charged in George Floyd's death.

"I'll Tase you! I'll Tase you! Taser! Taser!" the officer is heard shouting on her body cam footage released at a news conference. She draws her weapon after the man breaks free from police outside his car and gets back behind the wheel.

After firing a single shot from her handgun, the car speeds away, and the officer is heard saying, "Holy (expletive)! I shot him."

President Joe Biden urged calm on Monday, following a night where officers in riot gear clashed with demonstrators. The president said he watched the

body camera footage.

"We do know that the anger, pain and trauma amidst the Black community is real," Biden said from the Oval Office. But, he added, that "does not justify violence and looting."

The governor instituted another dusk-to-dawn curfew, and law enforcement agencies stepped up their presence across the Minneapolis area. The number of Minnesota National Guard troops was expected to more than double to over 1,000 by Monday night.

While dozens of officers in riot gear and troops guarded the Brooklyn Center police station, more than 100 protesters

chanted Wright's name and hoisted signs that read "Why did Daunte die?" and "Don't shoot." Some passing cars flew Black Lives Matter flags out of their windows and honked in support.

Organizers from the Movement for Black Lives, a national coalition of more than 150 Black-led political and advocacy groups, pointed to Wright's killing as yet another reason why cities must take up proposals for defunding an "irreparably broken, racist system."

Gannon said at a news conference that the officer made a mistake, and he released the body camera footage less than 24 hours after the shooting.

## 2 police shootings in 2 days in Rockford

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — Two separate police shootings in the northern Illinois community of Rockford over the weekend left one man dead and another injured, authorities said.

According to the Rockford Register Star, the first shooting happened on at about 5:45 p.m. on Saturday. Winnebago County Sheriff's deputies had responded to a domestic disturbance when, according to a news release, the "situation escalated to an officer involved shooting."

At a Monday news conference, members of the Winnebago-Boone County Integrity Task Force, which is investigating both shootings, said the man at the residence was charging a deputy with a

large metal pipe when the deputy fatally shot him.

The deputy who shot the man was knocked unconscious in the attack, but his injuries were not considered life threatening, authorities said.

The name of the man who was fatally shot has not been released.

Officials said they are still trying to determine exactly why the man charged at the deputy and the circumstances surrounding the domestic disturbance.

Then on Sunday night, a Rockford Police officer shot a 19-year-old man. The man's injuries were not considered life threatening. No other details about that shooting have been provided.

## Student opens fire on officers at Tennessee high school, is killed

A student opened fire on officers responding to a report of a possible gunman at a Tennessee high school Monday, and police shot back and killed him, authorities said. The shooting wounded an officer and comes as the community reels from off-campus gun violence that has left three other students dead this year.

Police found the student in a bathroom at Austin-East Magnet High School in Knoxville, a city about 180 miles (290 kilometers) east of Nashville, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Director David B. Rausch said at a news

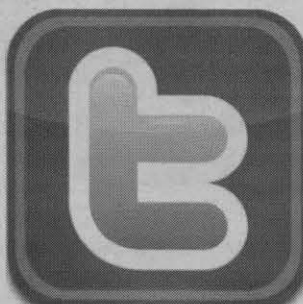
conference. They ordered the student to come out, but he wouldn't comply, and that's when he reportedly opened fire, Rausch said. Police fired back.

The student died at the school, and the officer was taken into surgery after being shot at least once in the upper leg, authorities said. The officer was expected to recover, and no one else was hurt. It wasn't yet clear why the student brought a gun to school or why he fired at officers.

"It's a sad day for Knoxville, and it's tough for Austin-East," Rausch said.



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# National Volunteer Month recognized in April

By Ryan Meyer  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_news

Eastern and the surrounding area has plenty of volunteering opportunities, and April, being National Volunteer Month, is the month to give back to the community.

Nationaldaycalendar.com says "April became National Volunteer Month as part of President George H. W. Bush's 1000 Points of Light campaign in 1991."

The website invites people to honor the month by thanking volunteers or volunteering yourself.

Coles County has many opportunities, including but not limited to the Charleston Food Pantry or the Douglas-Hart Foundation in Mattoon.

Edgar Romero, a senior history major, said he made some of his favorite volunteering memories at the Newman Catholic Center food pantry.

"My favorite volunteering memories will be at the food pantry at the New-

man Center and talking to the different students that come by," Romero said. "Any volunteer work that lets me be myself and lets me talk with different will always be fun."

The fun Romero had at the food pantry made him want to go back and do it again, he said.

"I've always enjoyed helping people and whenever I saw an opportunity to volunteer I took it," Romero said. "After the first time I volunteered at the food pantry, it was a lot of fun and it made me want to come back."

Beth Gillespie, Eastern's Director of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism, is responsible for organizing many of the university's volunteer opportunities.

"I am the Director of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism so my entire job is about finding ways that students can get involved both on and off campus, including over 400 volunteer opportunities a year," Gillespie said.

Gillespie said the importance of

volunteering is something everyone should recognize regardless of wealth or availability.

"Volunteering shows people that no matter how much time you have to give, or how much money you have in the bank, you have the ability to use your time and energy to make someone else's life a bit brighter and better," Gillespie said. "And that is an opportunity we all have the responsibility to recognize."

Romero said that finding a cause one values by checking bulletin boards around campus is one way to start volunteering. He also noted that if transportation is an issue, it can be provided by Newman.

"My advice for students who want to volunteer is to look for a cause or place they would feel that fits what they like. The easiest way to find volunteer work is by looking at the bulletin boards in the residence halls or going to the Newman Center since they always provide different volunteer

opportunities," Romero said. "They would also provide transportation for people that don't have cars."

Although there are a lot of opportunities on campus, transportation is also usually available for the university's off-campus volunteer events, Gillespie said.

"If a student doesn't have a car, it won't stop them from giving back. We have tons of volunteer opportunities happening on campus, like Pop Up Service and Panther Service Day. If the opportunity is off campus- we provide transportation to over 90% of those to help keep it easy," Gillespie said. "It will say in the description of the event on our website if transportation is provided or not."

Gillespie also said that while life as a college student can present obstacles that get in the way of volunteering, she knows that everyone can find time to volunteer in order to make someone else's day better.

"Also most of our volunteer events

are just two hours long. And the reason for that is we know our students are busy. They are juggling classes, work, friends, Student Organizations and Greek Life obligations and time relaxing with friends. But we also know that every single person is able to find two hours a month to give back and do good for someone in our community," Gillespie said. "We aren't asking anyone to give up their weekend or an entire day, we just want a small amount of time to make someone else's day a little brighter."

The Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism offers multiple volunteer opportunities this April, including the Big Blue Classic on April 10 and Panther Service Day on April 17. Gillespie said that those interested can register to join by clicking "volunteer opportunities" at [www.eiu.edu/volunteer](http://www.eiu.edu/volunteer).

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## » VIGIL

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She also spoke on her own personal experiences and said though there has been a recent increase in hate towards AAPI individuals, this is nothing new.

"Victims have cried out for help and attention for a long time, much longer than we know. But it has been ignored, ridiculed and accused of playing victims as mob of minorities."

Lee spoke on times where she has had things thrown at her and was the subject of aggressive language and

hate speech. She said that is something she is sure other AAPI individuals have experiences with.

Lee said much has been done in the past to combat racism towards the AAPI community but more needs to be done.

"We need to become more proactive, look for more preventive measures and we can do these not only as an individual friend or colleague or neighbor by checking in on our Asian American friends, classmates (but we can) help and organize a safe space for them to chat and share together," Lee said.

The Student Government also introduced a resolution denouncing hate against the AAPI community:

"Whereas, The Eastern Illinois University remains committed to a welcoming and inclusive campus community that recognizes and elaborates its diversity.

Whereas, The Eastern Illinois University community stands in solidarity against Asian Hate in response to the ongoing violence and hate targeted against members of the AAPI community.

Whereas, Eastern Illinois University condemns any acts of expressions

of hate and violence that threatens the personal safety and welfare of members of the AAPI community and all EIU faculty, staff and students.

Whereas, Eastern Illinois University has a duty to confront and speak out against all forms of racial, violence and discrimination.

Whereas, Eastern Illinois University recognizes and celebrates the rich history, culture contributions of those members of the Asian American & Pacific Islander communities.

Be it resolved, Eastern Illinois University & the EIU Student Government condemns any and all forms

of discrimination, hate and violence against members of the AAPI communities and members of the EIU community."

The resolution will be voted on during the Student Government's meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Following the vigil, Student Government leaders encouraged those in attendance to take a selfie while holding a candle and post to social media with the hashtag #EIUnited Against Asian Hate.

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## OPINIONS

### STAFF EDITORIAL

## We must stand united with AAPI individuals as hate against them rises

Eastern reflected on hate and racism towards Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders during a vigil Monday evening.

The event was one of many this month to celebrate the heritage of the AAPI communities.

During the event participants had a moment of silence and reflection to think about those communities and the struggles they are currently facing.

We at The Daily Eastern News appreciate the gesture of the vigil and see a lot of power behind it.

Most of the time when people think of racism, they think of racism toward Black and Latinx individuals, but often there are groups of people left out in talks about racism.

While those groups are incredibly important to focus on and fight for, but they are not the only ones who need support. We cannot be a society

fighting for one group of people only and expect true change.

To combat racism, no one can be excluded. Everyone must be represented and stand united to fight back against the rise in bigotry across the world.

We must fight for all of those who experience racism and stand against heinous acts of hate towards people of color.

During the vigil, it was discussed that there is still much to be done in this fight and we cannot agree more.

This month we encourage everyone to take part in events being held for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at Eastern. Educate yourself on AAPI history or perhaps the struggles they are currently facing. No amount of effort is too small.

We all must stand united with AAPI people.

### COLUMN

## White Sox, Cubs fans have best broadcasts in baseball

Chicago baseball fans have been lucky in recent years.

The Cubs are coming off a stretch where they were one of the best teams in baseball.

They seem to be on the decline right now, but still have players like Anthony Rizzo, Javier Baez and Kris Bryant that make the team fun to watch.

The White Sox have one of the most exciting young rosters in the America League and seem poised to be a contender for years to come.

Chicago baseball fans are blessed with good products on the field to be sure, but the good fortune extends beyond the diamond and up into the broadcast booths.

The Cubs and White Sox have arguably the best television and radio broadcast teams in the major leagues.

Starting with the White Sox, their TV crew of play-by-play announced Jason Benetti and color analyst Steve Stone is not only the best broadcast in baseball, but one of the best in all of sports.

Benetti is one of the most talented broadcasters in the world right now, with experience in college football,



Adam Tumino

college basketball and now the NBA in addition to his baseball work.

After spending years buried by the insufferable Hawk Harrelson, Stone is able to become a real part of the game with Benetti by his side.

Stone proves again that he is one of the best analysts in baseball when he has a good partner.

White Sox radio listeners also have an excellent new play-by-play announcer in former Cubs' TV announcer Len Kasper.

Kasper has been one of the best in the business for years, and his move to radio surprised many people.

Whatever the medium, Kasper is always a joy to listen to.

Cubs fans who prefer the radio have a living legend in the booth.

The great Pat Hughes has been calling Cubs games since 1996 and has been joined by Ron Coomer since the 2014 season.

Hughes will be in Cooperstown one day, and his call of the Cubs 2016 World Series victory will be played for decades to come.

The Cubs television crew is also great, with Kasper being replaced by Jon Sciambi for the 2021 season and beyond.

Sciambi was the best possible replacement for Kasper, and he already has a good relationship with color analyst Jim Deshaies, who has been with the Cubs since 2013.

The pair are smart and entertaining, even though the Cubs are not so much fun to watch so far this season.

Chicago baseball fans can take solace in the fact that, no matter how the teams are performing, they will always be fun to watch and listen to.

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## A black and white photograph of a softball player in a white jersey with "EIO" on it, wearing a cap and a glove, ready to catch a ball. The player is on a field with a fence in the background.

